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PROCESS IMPROVEMENT FOR For:

CONTINUOUS ETHYL ACETATE

PRODUCTION

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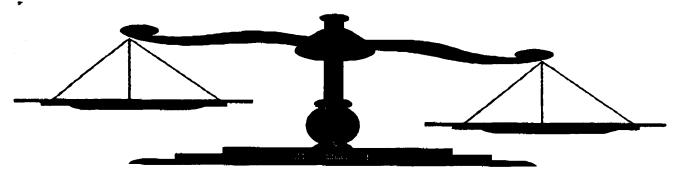
In response to the Final Action mailed on February 26, 2003 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6 and 10 to read as follows:

A process for producing ethyl acetate comprising: --6. (Amended)

> (a) contacting acetic acid and ethanol in a reaction zone in the presence of a catalyst;



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Continuous Ethyl Acetate Production
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Dear Examiner OH:

It was a pleasure speaking to you today regarding the above-noted patent application.

I look forward to meeting with you on July 15, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to discuss the application before then, please give me a call at 703-266-3000.

Following is a draft of a proposed Amendment.

Sincerely,

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